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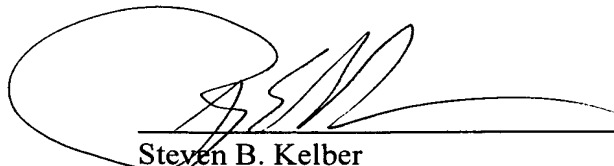
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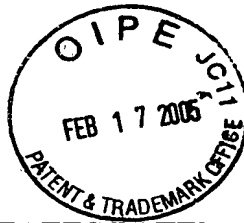
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This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before February 17, 2005.